



To whom it may concern,

One year ago, Dr. Karen Friedman established the Rimon - Mind Body Fertility Center in the IVF Department of the Hadassah Hospital-Mt. Scopus. This is a unique center in Israel that offers a wide variety of mind body therapies for women involved in fertility treatment.

The IVF clinic, of which I am the Director, serves women that desire to bring children into this world. We believe that there is a close connection between medical treatment provided by the clinic staff and psychological therapy. As it is known, women that are going through fertility treatment often suffer from anxiety, depression, stress, pressure, low self image and problems in their relationships. Therefore, the importance of providing these women with psychological support is quite clear.

The goal of the Rimon Center is to support the women who are undergoing fertility treatment. The Center, directed by Dr. Karen Friedman, employs a number of excellent professionals – psychologists, social workers, yoga teachers and musicians that offer different types of support to these women through mind body group workshops, yoga workshops, individual treatment and more. The Center treats women from all sectors, and it offers unique treatment groups to the ultra-orthodox sector and to single mothers out of sensitivity to the needs, norms and customs of each and every person.

Within one year, the Rimon Center succeeded to turn into a place full of life and optimism. The demand for its services is overwhelming and it is preceded by its reputation. The women treated in the center come not only from Jerusalem where the hospital is located, but from all over the country. I would like to point out that the Center's services are offered free of charge to all those interested and therefore, the Center's survival depends upon donations.

We at the IVF clinic see the Rimon Center as a valuable partner in the medical treatment of our patients and we sincerely support the further development of the Center.

Respectfully,

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